

## BADLY SHAKEN UP

Kishm Island Visited by a Sailing Vessel.

## DISTURBANCE FELT AT BOMBAY

France Wants an Arbitration Treaty.

Spaniards Poison Their Own Troops—Diseases Attack British Troops in India.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A special from Teheran, the Persian capital, says that 2,500 persons perished in the earthquake on Kishm Island on the 11th of January.

Kishm Island, otherwise known as Kishm, is the largest island in the Persian Gulf, and is 70 miles long, with an average breadth of 15 miles. It is surrounded by a group of smaller islands, and has a population estimated at about 5,000. Most of the inhabitants were Arabs, poor, ignorant, and extremely superstitious. The value of buildings destroyed was, of course, comparatively small, but the loss of life and the sufferings inflicted upon the survivors are appalling to contemplate.

Kishm town, the capital of the island, had a rude fortification, and was the convenient stopping place and trading station for coasting ships, some of which were built at the little port. Its belief that small shipping craft were destroyed by the earthquake, and that the details of the disaster will be harrowing in the extreme.

The island of Kishm, which belongs to the Imam of Muscat, is situated about 15 miles from the mouth of the Persian Gulf.

Specials from Bombay also report three severe earthquake shocks at that point, but there are no particulars as to results.

FRANCE WANTS ARBITRATION.  
Anxious to Make a Treaty With the United States.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Standard's Vienna dispatch says: An inspired Paris correspondent of the Politische Correspondenz learns that France is meditating the negotiation of a treaty of arbitration with the United States similar to the Anglo-American treaty. Such a treaty would be very welcome in France, and the prospects for its conclusion are in no way unfavorable.

REFORMING THE TURK.  
Official Correspondence of England and Turkey.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Official correspondence between Great Britain and Russia, published here today, shows that the Marquis of Salisbury on October 20th proposed that the Embassador at Constantinople should formulate reforms to be enforced by the power of the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, replied on November 18th, saying that the Czar had decided that it was impossible to agree to coercive measures against the Sultan. But on November 20th there was a further communication to the effect that the Czar had agreed to the Marquis of Salisbury's proposal and would not object to advise the Russian Embassador relative to coercion should the Sultan prove recalcitrant and refuse to adopt the reforms unanimously recommended by the Embassadors.

At the end of December France consented to the proposals of the Marquis of Salisbury, to which Germany, Austria and Italy had previously agreed.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.  
Terrible Results of the Poisoning of a Vessel.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 21.—A special from the Commercial Tribune from Key West says: A horrible story comes from Jumento, province of Santa Clara, telling of quick retribution to the Spaniards for their butchery and barbarous methods of warfare.

A Spanish force under Captain Martelli entered the place, which had been the camp of the insurgents, and before going away secretly poisoned a well and a spring noted for affording excellent, pure water. That evening a Spanish band of guerrillas entered the town after the others had left and used the water, from which over twenty-five men died. The guerrillas charged the Cuban residents with poisoning his men. He took the principal residents and shot them dead. He then turned the women over to the tender mercies of the men, who shot young boys who attempted to save their mother and sisters. He burned the village.

The next day some of the Spanish troops told the guerrillas the story of the trap they had set for the Cubans, and learned that their own companions in arms had been caught by their own barbarous plots.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.  
General Weyler Uses the Torch on Cuban Villages.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A special from Key West, Fla., says: Spanish guerrillas surrounded Las Palmeras, twenty miles south of Artemisa, at midnight and fired all the dwellings. As the inmates rushed out they were shot down, women and children as well as men. Many perished in the flames rather than face the Spanish bullets. When morning came more than fifty bodies were seen among the ruins. The

guerrillas fled after looting the two stores which the flames had spared. A Cuban band, attracted by the firing, came up two hours later and started after the Spaniards. Catching up to them a fight ensued and out of seventy guerrillas thirty-five only escaped. General Weyler has burned four villages since starting out, warning the people to move to the larger places, which are garrisoned.

WEYLER'S FALSE REPORTS.  
They Cause Madrid Officials to Talk About Reforms.

LONDON, Eng. Jan. 24.—The Standard's Madrid correspondent telegraphs that the belief is held in official circles that the scheme of colonial reforms applicable to Cuba will be published at the beginning of February, owing to the favorable reports of the situation in the islands, sent by Captain-General Weyler.

BRITISH TROOPS STRICKEN.  
Infection Is Passed by the People of France.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, replying in the House of Commons today to questions based on the statement made in the India press that only 24,000 of the whole British garrison were free from contagious disease in some shape or other, and that 522 per 1,000 of the troops were actually incapacitated by disease, admitted that there were 522 hospital cases per 1,000, but the average permanent incapacitation due to disease being 46 per 1,000. He added that a department commission was now inquiring into the subject, and on the receipt of its reports the Government will carefully consider the whole question.

THE SCARE IN FRANCE.  
Subsidence of the Recent Alarm in Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, Jan. 25.—The alarm caused by nine sudden deaths in one street here on Saturday, which was followed by the report that they were due to the plague, which is ravaging in Bombay, has subsided to a great extent owing to the firm stand taken by the Government officials. They most emphatically insist that all the deaths were due to infectious pneumonia. The scare, however, has had a good effect in making the authorities redouble their efforts to guard against the introduction of the plague through any of the ports designated for the landing of merchandise from India.

Above the Clouds.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A dispatch from Mendoza, Argentina, to the Chronicle says that a telegram has been received there from the Fitzgerald expedition, reporting that a Swiss guide, Zurbigen, had reached the summit of a peak in the Andes over 24,000 feet above the sea level, after the third attempt.

New Test of Death.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Chronicle says: Professor Friedrich of Elbing has notified the Vienna Academy of his discovery of a new kind of Roentgen ray which will infallibly determine in a subject whether death or catalepsy has intervened.

Writing to Cope's a Rival.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The sugar trust is going into the coffee roasting business in earnest. The demolition of an old sugar house in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, has begun and a new coffee roasting plant of very large capacity is going to be put upon the site immediately.

Trial of a Torpedo Boat.

NEWPORT (R. I.), Jan. 20.—Torpedo boat No. 6 was taken out of Narragansett bay today for her first speed trial. She was taken over a measured mile course under three boilers and a full head of steam. The boat was in charge of Captain Nat Herreshoff, and the result of her first work was 25.55 knots an hour, with a steam pressure of 180 pounds, leaving forty pounds in reserve to make the speed of 27½ knots, which is required by the contract. The builders say that this can be done with ease.

Serious Trouble in Africa.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 20.—The native uprising at Griqualand is growing more serious and the whites are lagging. The sons of Chief Lerethod of Basaland have revolted.

Pure Nickel for Minor Coins.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures today heard Joseph W. Heaton of Philadelphia in support of a measure to make our minor coins out of pure nickel. Such a change, he said, would improve the appearance of the coins.

To the Derivatives.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily News' Rome correspondent asserts that active negotiations are on foot to arrange for Anglo-Italian expedition against the Derivatives.

Famine in Rhodesia.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A Cape Town dispatch to the Daily Mail says reports have been received there that famine exists in Rhodesia. Thousands of terribly emaciated native women beseege the native officials of Bulawayo, clamoring pitifully for food. The natives are flocking to Bulawayo and exhuming the carcases of cattle which died from rinderpest and which were buried six months ago. They devour these and, as a consequence, a terrible mortality prevails among them.

The Manitoba Schools.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The newspapers give prominence to the proposed terms for the settlement of the Catholic school dispute in Manitoba and the probable action of the Pope, who is said to be considering the compromise phase of the question. Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commis-

sioner, states that the agreement published today does not reveal anything but what is already known and published in Canada.

Sailed Over a Dangerous Bar.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 25.—The barkentine Tam o' Shanter, Captain Patterson, from San Francisco, lost her anchor in the Columbia river, near Clapton, this morning, and the vessel immediately started to drift to sea. While passing south spit it was thought the vessel would go ashore, but an east wind having sprung up, she spread her sails just before reaching the bar and sailed outside in safety.

Proposed Cable Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today favorably reported a bill, asserting that the shore end of any new submarine telegraphic cable which shall be protected in any foreign country by exclusive landing rights or other special privileges shall not be permitted to land in this country without the consent of Congress.

On a Cruise for Curios.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 25.—The schooner Walberg, which took arms and ammunition to Honolulu during the revolution in 1894 and was afterward seized at this port, was today sold to Professor Anthony of the Smithsonian institution, who will fit out the schooner to sail down the Mexican coast on a cruise for curios.

War S In the South.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 25.—The United States steamer Monadnock arrived here yesterday and is anchored with the Monterey in the harbor for a six months stay. The Oregon has sailed for Acapulco, and is expected to return with the flagship Philadelphia February 10th.

Birth of a Noble Russian.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—The Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of the Czar and wife of the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, has given birth to a son. She married on August 6, 1894.

THE MYTHICAL ISLAND.

No Truth in the Statement That Hawaii Will Add to Its Territory.

An afternoon paper published a few days ago an account of a mythical island somewhere off the coast of Guatemala which this Government expected to take possession of. The story is believed to have come to Hawaii through some returning passengers on the Coptic.

Hon. W. O. Smith was spoken to yesterday afternoon regarding the matter and he denies absolutely that there is any truth in the matter. "So far as this Government is aware," he said, "the island has no existence. Mr. Neumann's visit to Guatemala was on business connected with the trade relations between that Government and this, and the possibility of a steamship line, a point in which I had very little faith as they grow coffee and sugar there the same as we do here. He was given a commission to act in a sort of official way because it would make it easier for him. There was no talk of an island before he went away or since his return, nor was there any correspondence on the subject during his stay there."

To the Idea that Hawaii was to add to its possessions was exploded in a paragraph. The addition of a territory so far away was the thought of some one whose ambition may have been to compete with others for a design for a new coat of arms or a great seal for the eight bars would have to be changed as well as several other accessories on the present design.

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

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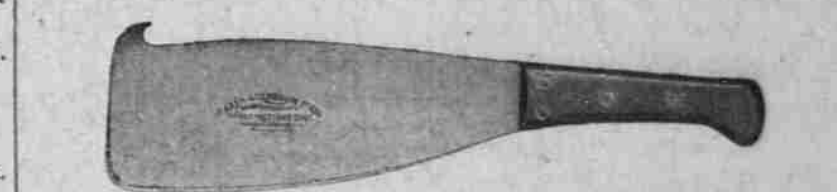
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